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TAGS: IAEA, AORG, OCON

SUBJ: THE PLO IN THE IAEA

REF: STATE 212234

SUMMARY:: NORWEGIANS HAVE NOT YET DECIDED THIER POSITION
ON PLO OBSERVERS AT IAEA AND ARE CONSULTING WITH NORDIC COLLEAGUES
ON IT AUG 31. WE BELEIVE WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS ARE INCLINED
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TO RECOMMEND NORWAY ABSTAIN ON ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF INFORMED MFA DIVISION CHIEF OF UN AFFAIRS JAN NYHEIM ON AUG 31 OF US VIEWS ON PLO ISSUE IN UAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE IN RIO DE JANEIRO. NYHEIM APPRECIATED RECEIVING US POSITION AS HE WAS PREPARING DISCUSS MATTER WITH MFA OFFICIALS WHO WAS DEPARTING FOR COPENHAGEN WHERE ISSUE WOULD BE DICUSSED BY NORDIC REPRESENTATIVES.

2. NYHEIM SAID NORWEGIAN POSITION FOR RIO MEETING WAS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION AT WORKING LEVEL IN MFA. HE SAID NORWAY SHARED US VIEWS AS OUTLINED IN THREE TICKS UNDER PARA 2 STATE 212234. BUT HE SAID NORWEGIANS WISHED TO LEARN VIEWS ALSO OF OTHER MORDICS, WHICH THEY WILL DO IN AUG 31 COPENHAGEN MEETING. HE SAID NORWAY HOPED TO ACHIEVE A COORDINATED NORDIC POSITION ON ISSUE. HE FELT MOST NORDICS WERE LIKELY TO ABSTAIN ON ISSUE. IN FORMULATING POSITION FOR VOTING ON ISSUE AT RIO HE SAID NORWAY WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS UNGA OPINION AS EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTION OF 1974GIVING PLO OBSERVER STATUS. HE ADMITTED LATTER WAS A UNGA MATTER AND THAT NORWAY HAD VOTED AGAINST IT, BUT SAW IT AS FACTOR NORWAY WOULD WEIGH.

3. COMMENT: NORWEGIANS ARE IN PROCESS OF FORMULATING THEIR VIEWS. WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK NYHEIM TENDS TOWARD ABSTENTION AT THIS STAGE. WE WILL CHECK WITH HIM SEPT 1 AFTER NORDIC CONSULTATIONS TO ASCERTAIN HIS VIEW. IF NECESSARY TO PRESS FURTHER TO GAIN NORWEGIAN OPPOSITION TO PLO OBSERVER STATUS WE WILL THEN APPROACH MFA AT HIGHER POLITICAL LEVEL WITH POSITION AND ARGUMENTS OUTLINED IN REFTEL A.
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